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In re the Application of

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ACOUSTIC CODING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows: